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The Society held its annual meeting, the twentieth annual, in its rooms in the Young Men's Christian Association's Building, Lebanon, December 21, 1917. Reports were submitted by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer, the Librarian, the Committee on Biography, and the Committee on Necrology, which reports are here given in the order named. Officers of the Society for the year 1918 were also elected.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

\*Your Executive Committee begs to report that during the current year, 1917, it held two meetings, and the Society, five meetings, at which meetings of the Society Papers entitled as follows were read:

"Historical Societies in Pennsylvania and their Activities,"  
March 2.

"The History of Greenville." April 27.

"The Great Fire at Fredericksburg." (An Historical Poem.)  
April 27.

"An Old-time Religious Service of Bethel Township."  
April 27.

"Thaddeus Stevens, the Great Pennsylvania Commoner."  
June 22.

"Annals of The Heilman Family." Nov. 2.

Three pamphlet publications were issued during the year:

Vol. VII, No. 1. Nineteenth Annual Meeting, Dec. 22, 1916. Reports of Officers and Committees, Memorial Sketches, and a Paper entitled: "Some Hitherto Unpublished Documents Pertaining to Lebanon County's Part in the War of the Revolution." 61 pp. Illust. Issued April 7.

Vol. VII, No. 2. "The Life and Services of General John Philip de Haas." 59 pp. Illust. Issued June 26.

Vol. VII, No. 3. "Conservation of the Past." 15 pp. Issued Oct. 22.

The number of members of the Society reported at this time last year was 166. During the year one person was added to its membership. Severe losses along this line have come to the Society during the current year, 10 by death, as the Committee on Necrology will report, and numerous losses by resignation and arrearages in dues. Taking it along the line of the payment of dues within the two-year limit, the number of members now in good standing may be put at 142.

Accessions to the Society's Library and Museum by way of donations, exchanges and purchase were very large during the year, numbering all told about 1000 pieces. Among the more notable of these accessions were 65 Volumes Pa. Colonial Records and Pennsylvania Archives, which with what the Society already had along this line, puts it in possession of nearly complete sets of these exceedingly valuable publications; 13 bound volumes of the Lebanon Courier; 23 bound volumes of the Lebanon Daily Report; 4 volumes Lebanon County Independent, and 90 loose copies of Lebanon newspapers containing accounts of Lebanon Co. events of special interest. A number of additions to the Society's shelving facilities are under way now, as to which our Librarian will present details in his report. Your Committee commends that officer for his interest and activity in his department, and recommends tendering him the thanks of the Society in grateful recognition of his faithful services.

The Secretary of the Society reports having received for Membership Fees .....	\$ 1.00
1912 Annual Dues .....	\$ 1.00
1913 Annual Dues .....	1.00
1914 Annual Dues .....	4.00
1915 Annual Dues .....	6.00
1916 Annual Dues .....	15.00
1917 Annual Dues .....	241.00
	—————\$ 263.00
Special Contributions .....	74.00
Sales of Publications .....	27.30
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Total .....	\$ 370.30

To this is to be added \$200.00, the annual appropriation made to the Society of County Funds by the County Commissioners, as your Treasurer will report to you, putting the total receipts at \$570.30. He will give details as to the Society's expenditures. For the accurate and expeditious handling of the Society's funds your Committee desires to commend the Society's Treasurer and recommends also in his case the Society tendering him its thanks in warm appreciation of his unrequited services.

The foregoing embodies the main facts of the Society's doings during the year just closing, and a statement of its present status, which will be supplemented by reports from other officers of the Society.

Whilst our people, like the people of other communities, are so largely engrossed with the duties and obligations of the existing war, yet has our Society been able to carry on its work during the year, and to continue its constructive activities in this community.

Nevertheless, like all other beneficent activities, the Society has its needs; it needs a larger membership, and a more pronounced support on the part of the people of our county. During the twenty years that the Society has now existed, and been one of the county's many constructive factors, it has accomplished many things that stand to its credit, as also

many more are yet to be accomplished if the Society can be held to remain true to its hitherto record.

Respectfully submitted,

BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

S. P. Heilman, Secretary.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

The Treasurer, E. W. Miller, Esq., reported (given here only in abstract) :

A balance in hand from the last previous audit, made Mch. 2, 1917.....	\$ 893.24
Received during the year 1917 from the Secretary, S. P. Heilman, M.D., for Fees, Dues and miscel- laneous sources .....	370.30
Appropriation by the County Commissioners, Dec. 15, 1917 .....	200.00
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	\$ 1,463.54
Payments made on duly executed vouchers .....	\$ 779.15
Balance in hand December 21, 1917...	684.39
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	<u>\$ 1,463.54</u>

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The Librarian, Chas. D. Weirich, Esq., reported as follows :

During the year the interest in the Society has manifested itself (since occupying the fine quarters in the Y. M. C. A. Building) in that it has received about 1000 donations to its already valuable collection of Books, Curios, Relics, etc., and in order properly to care for and place these the Society was obliged to obtain three new library cases.

Through the kindness of Mr. C. Penrose Sherk, of this City, a member of the Society, book casing and shelves were donated by him to care for the Col. T. T. Worth Collection of Books, Library and Manuscript, as well as that of Mr. Sherk's own collection to be given by him in the near future.

In one of the sections of the new cases provision was made

for the J. Jacob Embich Collection, which, up to this time, is the largest individual donation to the Society's collection yet made. Singling out a few of the many Embich donations as of special value, we mention the following, viz: Justice of the Peace John Stroh, et al Records and Dockets Dec. 22, 1800 to June 30, 1807; Israel Embich, his father, Justice of the Peace Civil and Criminal Dockets, Dec., 1819-April, 1850; Written Legal Forms, 1832-1837; Account Book and Collections, Dec. 12, 1796-April, 1806; Buck Hotel, Cor. 8th and Cumberland Streets, Account Book, Dec., 1823, to Nov. 2, 1863; Buck Hotel Register, July 5, 1853, to April 6, 1859; Lebanon County Beneficial Society Books, Constitution, By-Laws, Members' Lists and Dues Paid, Nov. 26, 1840, to December 20, 1847; Wilson Library Association of Lebanon, Sept. 24, 1851; Pencil Sketches, in large frame, Estate of Israel Embich made in 1881, showing properties along Eighth Street North of Salem Lutheran Church; also that of Estate of Samuel Reinhard on Chestnut Street near Sixth where the New High School Building is now being erected (Samuel Reinhard being the father-in-law of Mr. J. Jacob Embich) and both sketches made by the same German Tramp Artist.

The most valuable in this collection of more than 100 books given by Mr. Embich, is an original Ephrata "Martyr Mirror," printed in German by the Brotherhood of Seventh Day Adventists in the Cloister at Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa., in 1748. It will amply repay any member of the Society to examine the rare books and papers in this valuable collection.

One other collection that is worthy of note is that of George M. Lehman, C. E., of Pittsburgh, Pa., who favored the Society in October with a fine assortment of Indian Bead Work; St. Louis World's Fair Souvenirs; Horns of Wild Game in the South Mountains 40 years ago; Books of Design, Plans, Villas and Cottages, 1774 to 1858, as well as Reports of his own labors on The Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Commission, 1897 to 1912, etc.

This collection, for the present is neatly arranged on a display table in the centre of the larger room of the Society for

the inspection of its members, and others who may be interested therein.

As the new cases were just received during this month of December, it will require some time until all the property of the Society can be properly arranged and classified, but when that is done it will add materially to the pleasure of its members to spend some of their time in examining the very valuable donations and collections received since the Society organization, and especially since occupying these permanent quarters, so well suited for Historical purposes, in the three rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Building, at the Northwest corner of Ninth and Willow Streets, Lebanon, Pa., since July 27, 1916.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

The Committee on Biography, Messrs. Thos. S. Stein, Wm. M. Guilford and John L. Rockey reported as follows:

One of the objects of our Society is to conserve the past, with an ear for the present and an eye to the future. Whatever the past has given us which may prove worthy of contemplation or be of practical use, we wish to preserve from oblivion. The memory of good and noble men comes under this head. With this in view we submit to you a sketch of one who was one of Lebanon County's former noted educators:

### PROF. DANIEL BALSBAUGH OF ANNVILLE ACADEMY FAME

Among the early settlers on Spring Creek, in what is now Derry Township, Dauphin County, Pa., was George Balsbaugh, the great-grandfather of the subject of our sketch. He was a tiller of the soil, a native of the Palatinate, having been born in the town of Fahrenbach, in 1704. With wife and several children he came to America in 1751 and settled on a farm near Derry Church, now a part of the Hershey estate. In 1760 he removed to Hanover Township, six miles farther north, where he purchased a tract of 200 acres, which has since been known as "Balsbaugh Place." Here Prof. Balsbaugh's grandfather, Valentine, was reared, being a farmer and a "weeping minister" of the German Baptist Church, now



known as The Brethren. Valentine's son, Peter, Daniel's father, was born on the old homestead, 1793. He was a strong advocate of the public school system. He married Elizabeth Longenecker.

Daniel Balsbaugh was Peter's fourth son, born Feb. 15, 1825. His youth was spent in honest toil on the home farm. His education was received in the public schools and Franklin & Marshall College, where he remained one year, entering in 1852.

About 1855 he came to Annville and took charge of the Academy, succeeding Prof. Burnside. He had previously taught in the public schools of Dauphin County. The regents of the Academy soon found he was the right man in the right place. The number of pupils increased from 20 to 75 the first session. Ere long he purchased the building, with an adjoining lot, tore down the old structure, and erected a larger, three-story academy, better adapted to his purposes. This was in 1857-58.

When Prof. Balsbaugh came to Annville, he made his home with John Troxel, where now is Mr. Roland's grocery. When he married, he removed to the house now occupied by Dr. Heimbach, the optician. After the new Academy was built, he occupied the rear part as a residence.

Among the patrons of Prof. Balsbaugh were the Ulrichs, the Shertzers, the Riglers, the Alweins, the Kuhnles, the Henrys, the Kreiders, the Marshalls, the Troxels, the Imbodens, and the Steins. The following pupils of his still survive: Oliver Henry, Jno. H. Ulrich, Mrs. Lizzie George, Mrs. Mary K. Brightbill, Geo. W. Stine, Jos. H. Kreider, Mrs. Annie Moore, Mrs. Caroline Radabaugh, Mrs. Jos. Fleming, and Dr. S. P. Heilman, all of whom recall with pleasure the earnest efforts and loving zeal of their devoted teacher.

Among his pupils who have been called to their reward, we may mention Hon. Henry Houck, Sec'y of Internal Affairs, Supt. Cyrus Boger, Rev. John P. Stein, D.D., Rev. Jacob Peter, Rev. C. U. Heilman, Dr. Vincent Allwein, Hon. J. H. Imboden, Capt. Jerome V. Henry, and Dr. Geo. S. Stein.

While in Annville, Prof. Balsbaugh was joined in marriage to Miss Lavina Henry, of Palmyra, a sister of Oliver Henry, former County Commissioner. The professor's career was short. In 1860 he became a victim of that fell disease, consumption, mourned by all who knew him. He was succeeded by Cyrus Boger, who subsequently became City Supt. of the Schools of Lebanon. The Academy was sold to a company of citizens for \$3,025. It is now one of the buildings of Lebanon Valley College.

Prof. Balsbaugh was a scholar in the strict sense of the term. In the common branches he was said to have had no superior, and his knowledge of Latin and Greek was to be envied. He was exact and thorough in his methods of instruction.

How his pupils regarded him can be seen from the following testimony of one of his surviving private pupils: "I remember with satisfaction Balsbaugh's thoroughness with us, and also his original ways and his deep interest in our progress. I also remember there was a young lady of rather fetching appearance in the same room in which we recited, and I am not sure our young minds were not some times led toward her more than they were engaged in study. However, when the Professor began to discover this, the diverting Miss was no longer in the room whilst we were there. No; no more co-ed. business for us!"

Another pupil tells me that Friday was review-day in the Academy, when the work of the week was sought to be clinched. Then in the afternoon the week's work was closed by reading a portion of the Bible, followed by a quiz on what he had read. Finally he explained the sacred text, trying to bring it within the comprehension of his pupils.

Under Prof. Balsbaugh's guidance "The Franklin Literary Association" was organized, intended to further his pupils in the art of public speaking, debate, and argumentation. Occasionally a dramatic play was rendered.

Though a close student, frequently teaching during the day, in the evening, and on Sunday in the Sunday School, Prof.



Balsbaugh did not neglect the social side of life. He often spent hours at the homes of his students and at social festivities. Sometimes he took his pupils to the Hill Church and there enjoyed with them an Academic picnic. Thus in the class-room and in social affairs he endeared himself to his pupils.

The Balsbaughs were religiously inclined. The immigrant ancestor held the Reformed faith, but joined the German Baptists soon after he had come to America. This was the religious home of nearly all his descendants. Prof. Daniel, while on his last sick-bed, desired to be baptized. As he was not able to leave the house, a wooden fount was made and his wishes were gratified.

He lies interred in Henry's Graveyard, north of Palmyra, a short distance within the entrance, where two graves await the final summons to give up their dead.

In personal appearance Prof. Balsbaugh was rather tall, somewhat stooped, with a head of intensely black hair. His countenance was kindly and sympathetic.

The name Balsbaugh was originally Pfahlsbach. *Pfahl* is a pile, pole, or pale, and *bach* a brook. Thus *Pfahlsbach* means a brook, along the banks of which piles are cut. *Pfahlbruecke* is a bridge built on piles, *pfahlwerk*, a stockade, and *pfahlbeute*, a building erected on piles, or what is known in archeology as a lake-dwelling, such residences as were used by our remote ancestors to secure greater immunity from plunder and attack.

There are other Balsbaugh families amongst us, but we have failed, with one exception, to connect them with Daniel's lineage. The father of Supt. E. M. Balsbaugh, of Lebanon, and the late John L. Balsbaugh, of Mt. Pleasant, were cousins, but the link connecting them with Daniel's line seems to be missing. The same may be said of the father of John A. Balsbaugh (Palmyra) and John L., who likewise were cousins. The Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Balsbaugh, of Bachmansville, are nieces of Daniel, being daughters of Daniel's eldest brother, Valentine.

For public preservation we append the translation of a paper

given to George Balsbaugh by his pastor, when the former left his fatherland for America. It is a fine testimony to his character.

Dec. 21, 1917.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BAPTISMAL RECORD OF THE REFORMED CON-  
GREGATION OF FAHRENBACH, DECEMBER 21ST, 1704.

Peter Balschbach, a potter of Fahrenbach, and his housewife, Anna Maria, had a child baptized, a little son, John George by name, whose godfather is John George Ludwig, inhabitant and parishioner of Fahrenbach.

Further: January 14, 1714.

Wendel Munch, of Fahrenbach and his wife Anna had a child baptized, a little daughter, Maria Eva by name, whose godmother is Anna Maria Kirschenlohr, the housewife of the young miller.

Note—On the 20th of Jan. 1733, according to the books of the record, this couple was married.

Further extracts: Aug. 22nd, 1734.

1. George Balschbach, a potter of Fahrenbach, and his wife, Maria Eva, had a little daughter baptized, Maria Elizabeth by name. The sponsors are John George Schiel, parishioner of Fahrenbach, and his wife Maria Elizabeth.

Further: December 2nd, 1736.

2. George Balschbach, a potter of Fahrenbach and his wife Maria Eva, had a little son baptized, George Andrew by name. Sponsors: John George Schiel, parishioner of Fahrenbach, and his wife, Maria Elizabeth.

Further: July 2nd, 1738:

3. George Balschbaugh, a potter of Fahrenbach, and his wife, Maria Eva, had a little son baptized, born June 27, Peter by name. Sponsors are the preceding.

4. N. Anna Maria died.

Further: Nov. 17, 1743.

5. The parents just mentioned had a little daughter baptized, Maria Eva by name. The godmother was Anna Maria Schiel, the unmarried daughter of the above George Schiel.

Further: June 25th, 1747.

6. The parents just mentioned had a little daughter baptized, Anna Catharine by name. The godmother was Anna Maria Schiel, George Schiel's unmarried daughter.

Faithfully copied by,

Faber, Reformed Pastor.

Since the married people mentioned on the preceding pages wish to remove into what is here called the new land, and, so far as known, by means of attendance on the preached word of God, the use of the Holy Sacraments, and in their life and conduct, have so conducted themselves in the practice of their Reformed religion that they have won a good testimony, such (testimony) is herewith given them upon desire, for their legitimation and for their reception to the Lord's Table, both they themselves, as well as the first two children, who have partaken of the Lord's Supper at this place. They are highly recommended and herewith dismissed with the accompanying wish of God's guidance and blessing.

Lohrbach, May 18th, 1751.

Faber p. t<sup>1</sup>. Reformed Pastor  
of Lohrbach and Fahrenbach.

Communed on  
the way at Heidelberg  
May 30th, 1751.

Brenings L. P. et V. D. M<sup>2</sup>.

1. p. t. may stand for pro tempore—for the time being.

2. Loci Pastor et Verbi Dei Minister, Resident Pastor and Minister of God's Word.

Translation and notes by Thos. S. Stein.

The original is in the possession of E. A. Henry, Annville, Pa.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

The Committee on Necrology, Messrs. S. P. Heilman, J. L. Lemberger, and C. R. Lantz, reported having had referred to it during the year 1917 the deaths of the following named members of the Society, for the preparation of "suitable obituaries" of the same, namely:

Daniel P. Witmeyer. Died Jan. 25.

Howard C. Shirk. Died Feb. 28.

Henry Houck. Died March 13.

Ambrose E. Lehman. Died April 4.

A. Frank Seltzer. Died June 11.

Horace Brock. Died Aug. 4.

Horace Edwin Hayden. Died Aug. 22.

Elizabeth F. Burnside. Died Nov. 21.

Thomas Evans. Died Nov. 30.

Catharine DeHuff Meily. Died Dec. 18.

(For their obituaries see succeeding pages).

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected the officers of the Society for the year 1918:

*President:*

Capt. H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Vice-Presidents:*

C. R. Lantz, Esq.,  
Lebanon, Pa.

H. L. Illig  
Sheridan, Pa.

*Secretary:*

S. P. Heilman, M.D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Treasurer:*

E. W. Miller, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Librarian:*

C. D. Weirick, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Executive Committee:*

Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.

H. C. Grittinger, Lebanon, Pa.

(Whose terms expire 1918)

E. Grumbine, M.D., Mt. Zion, Pa.

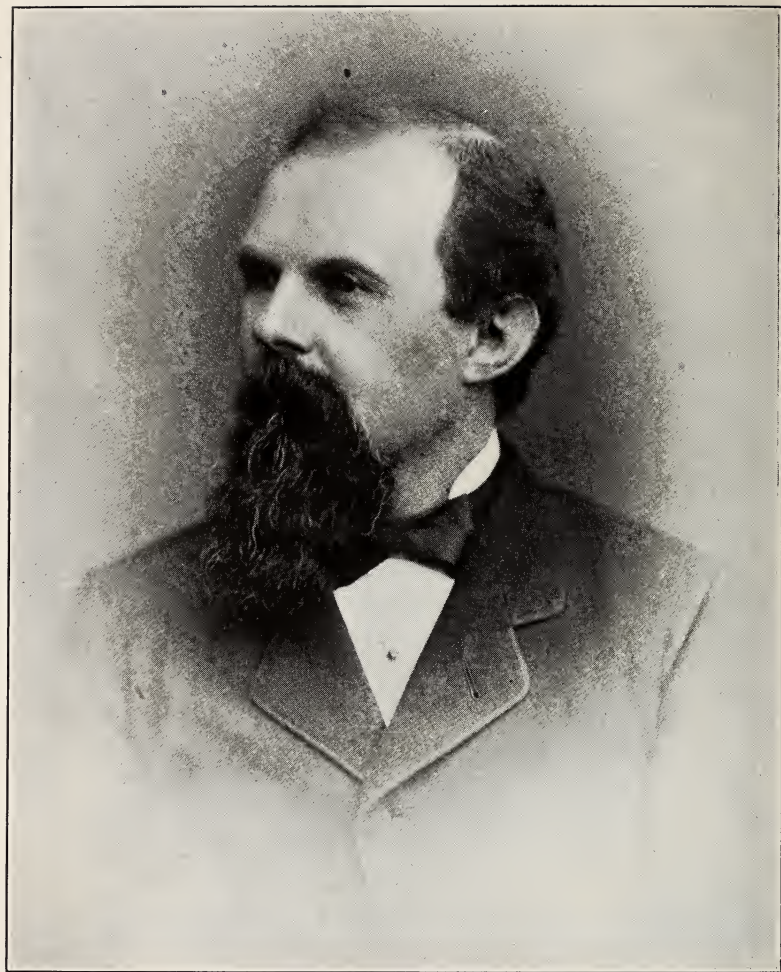
C. D. Weirick, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

(Whose terms expire 1919.)

Prof. Thos. S. Stein, Annville, Pa.

John M. Allwein, Lebanon, Pa.

(Whose terms expire 1920:)



DANIEL P. WITMEYER



# In Memoriam

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DANIEL P. WITMEYER

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Born January 25, 1843. Died Jan. 25, 1917. Aged 74 years.

Mr. Witmeyer was born in North Cornwall Township, Lebanon County, on a farm adjoining the site of the old "Gloninger Fort," the property of his parents, John Witmeyer and Catharine Hoffman. After his course in the Lebanon Schools he apprenticed for four years with Wm. M. Breslin of the Lebanon Advertiser, then for four years worked as a journeyman printer with Mr. Young of the Volks-Zeitung, Lebanon, and succeeded this with six years of printing at the Adler office, Reading, Pa.

After this period of fourteen years in printing, his eyesight having become somewhat impaired, he spent a year in the West. On his return from there he purchased the John Reigert Book and Stationery Store on South Ninth St., Lebanon, where he continued in that business, with one short interruption, up to ten years of his death.

The store came to be known in the city and all parts of the county as the "Dan. Witmeyer" Book-Store, a plain and unpretentious affair, but well stocked with current book issues of the day, and a line of stationery in kind and quality to meet the trade that came to his store, with himself rarely absent from behind the counter, and a kindly and courteous word to the incomer, whether a purchaser or not. The school-children and school-teachers of the city and county made their largest purchases there, going there in large numbers, and at Christmas times sure, and as to Almanacs, English and German, Witmeyer's was the place.

In a sense this store may be said to have been a continuation of the old Waltz store which was carried on for so many years in Market Square by the old and genial George Waltz, whom we older ones surely remember. This store stood where now stands the stately Miller grocery building. The Waltz store was primitive to be sure, and perhaps somewhat spare in stock; but it lacked not in good cheer and a genial word from "Father" Waltz to all who came to his little shop.

Of course the parallel holds only in a sense. Witmeyer's was modern, and well supplied with a varied stock, limited only by the limited quarters of the store-room. After having been in the business for many years Mr. Witmeyer sold his stock and "retired" from the business, but after having been out of it for a year or more he went right back to the same place, and revived the Witmeyer store, and brought it back to its former prestige—said he couldn't "stand it" doing nothing, and "things were not going right in that store." At the end of this second period, and about ten years before his death, he made his final retirement from the business, and spent the balance of his years in ease in a fine and commodious residence at 5th and Cumberland Sts., and in looking after other business affairs that still claimed his attention.

Mr. Witmeyer was a veteran in Lodge and Fraternity Circles—a member of all the local Masonic bodies, specifying which were Mt. Lebanon Lodge, the Weidle Chapter, Lebanon Council, Hermit Commandery of Lulu Temple, the Shriners, Lebanon Lodge of Moose, Acme Lodge, No. 427, Knights of Pythias, Camp 65, Patriotic Sons of America, Mohegan Lodge and Uncas Encampment Odd Fellows, an ever faithful member of the First Reformed Church, and a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, to which he was admitted Feb. 15, 1898. He was joined in wedlock June 9, 1881, with Miss Emma E. Reinoehl, a daughter of Tobias Reinoehl, of the Worth and Reinoehl printers of the old reliable Lebanon Courier. She, together with their daughter, Catharine, their only child, survive him.

Mr. Witmeyer was born neither to greatness nor to opulence,



nor on the other hand was his life any other than one of much usefulness in his way and place. He was an all-round, highly respected citizen, ever active to the full measure of his abilities and opportunities, and an exemplary Christian gentleman. We miss him as one of our long-time "familiar figures," no more to be with us at the fireside or to hear his kindly greetings in our public places.

S. P. H.



HOWARD C. SHIRK, Esq.

## HOWARD C. SHIRK, Esq.

Born Dec. 26, 1857. Died Feb. 28, 1917. Aged 57 yrs., 2 mos. and 2 days.

Lawyer Shirk was born in the city of Lebanon, Pa., his father, Samuel U. Shirk, a merchant of Lebanon, his grandfather, Abraham F. Shirk, and his great-grandfather, Samuel Shirk, all natives of Lebanon county, the original home having been in Swatara Township. This line of Shirks originated in the Palatinate, Germany, from whence it migrated to Schoharie, New York State and thence into Pennsylvania during Gov. Keith's Colonial administration. The mother, Malinda Cassidy, was a daughter of Phares Cassidy, one of the leading contractors in this part of Pennsylvania in his day, among his extensive operations having been the building of the Cornwall Railroad and widening of the Union Canal in 1854.

After his school years in the public schools of the city of Lebanon, from which he was graduated in 1873, he continued his studies under a private tutor for another year, then read law with the late Amos R. Boughter, Esq., and was admitted to the Bar, January 6, 1879. He immediately took up the practice of his profession, and continued therein actively and energetically to the day of his death. In course of years he attained pre-eminence in his profession, and in this line was acknowledged as a man of superior merit and of keen insight in the law, both in its interpretation and in his pleadings. He was held as a safe counsellor and a man of good judgment, not only with respect to the law but in his many and diverse relations to public affairs, and commanded a clientele that for years demanded his severest application, which, however, he always managed to meet with an alacrity and cheerfulness that was as admirable as it was surprising.

Besides his large law practice he was engaged in many other lines of activity, whether as attorney to corporations, some of

them amongst the leading bodies in the State, or in filling positions of honor and trust to which he was called by reason of the keenness of his mind and the soundness of his judgment. As an attorney he served The Robesonia Iron Company, The Cornwall Iron Company, The Cornwall Railroad Company, The Pennsylvania Steel Company, The Lebanon Rolling Mills, The Freeman Family of Cornwall, The Myerstown National Bank, The Lebanon National Bank, and in his later years acted as solicitor for The American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, Lebanon, one of the large plants in the State, now the Bethlehem Steel Works.

He was one of the organizers of The Lebanon County Trust Company, and for some years served as one of the Vice-Presidents, and also served as a member of The Executive Committee of that Banking institution. He also was solicitor to the Lebanon National Bank, organized in 1823. He became a Director of this Bank on July 10, 1894, a Vice-President of it December 11, 1895, and its President which position he filled to the day of his death. Some years ago he became the President of the Lebanon Bar Association, of which he had previously been the Vice-President, was one of the organizers and leading members of the Steitz Club of Lebanon, a member of the Lutheran Church, and of The Lebanon County Historical Society, to which latter he was admitted June 22, 1900.

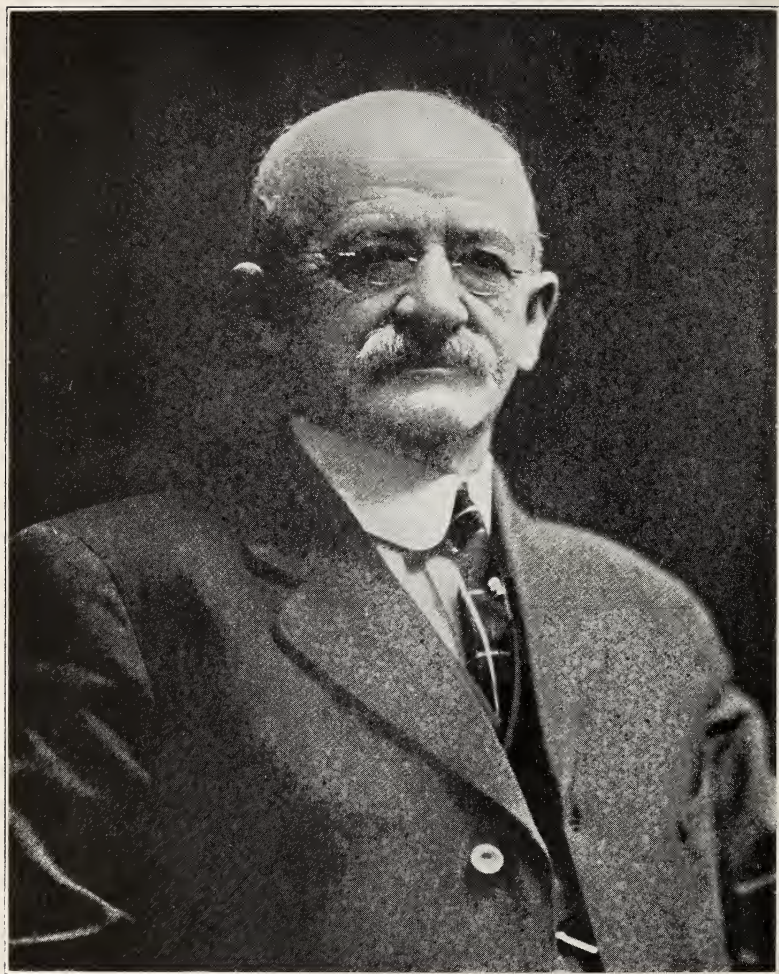
On May 15, 1888, he was married to Miss Tillie Kalbach of this city, who survives him but without children.

Like a bolt out of a cloudless sky—it came on that fateful February day. So perplexing, so tragical, so appalling!—And when later we, in sorrow, gathered around the casket enclosing his lifeless form, serene and peaceful in repose, it was but the token of an over-weighted soul, weary and importunate, now in full surcease of all its sorrow. The mystery of life, the mystery of death—who can fathom it? Sadly we turned away, each one back to his own life's allotted task, yet not despair, nor yielding our "hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption."

S. P. H.







HENRY HOUCK, Litt.D.

## HENRY HOUCK, Litt.D.

Born March 6, 1836. Died March 13, 1917. Aged 81 yrs. and 7 days.

Mr. Houck was a son of Samuel Houck and Rosanna Jontz, and was born on a farm of theirs near Palmyra, in Londonderry Township, Lebanon County. In early youth he became a cobbler, pegging away at his trade in winter time, and in summer assisted on his father's farm. As opportunity offered he attended the common schools of his section, and later became a student under W. J. Burnside, A.M., of the Annville Academy, walking to and from Annville on daily trips. Afterwards he attended the Arcadia Institute at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., for one term. With this bare preparation began his educational career, which was almost co-extensive with his subsequent years, and is hardly paralleled in activity and extensiveness.

This career began as a public school teacher in Londonderry Township in the Fall of 1852, when he was 16 years of age and continued for a period of two years, during which he utilized the time he could spare from his school work in taking private lessons in Latin and Greek from the Rev. Dr. A. C. Wedekind, the learned pastor at that time of Zion Lutheran Church, Lebanon.

In August, 1859, Mr. Houck was appointed County Superintendent of Public Schools in Lebanon County to succeed Franklin Phillips, this at a time when there was not yet a Lebanon City Superintendent, so that he had supervision of all the schools in the county, both city and county—and at the munificent salary of \$700 per annum! He was re-elected in 1860, 1863 and 1866. After this period of nine years as County Superintendent, Mr. Houck, then 33 years of age, was in 1869 appointed Deputy State Superintendent of Public Schools by Dr. Wickersham at that time State Superintendent.

ent, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the former incumbent of the Deputyship, Charles Coburn, who died whilst in office. This position he filled for 38 years, both through Republican as well as Democratic administrations. It was during this period that Mr. Houck gained his largest laurels and widest popularity for meritorious work done in the cause of popular education, rounding out a period of fifty years, or more, as an instructor and promoter of public school work in our State. In 1903 he made a tour of Porto Rico to inquire into the educational features of that United States possession.

In his personality he was known for his jovial manners, his kindly greetings, his unassuming demeanor, his love for the county of his nativity, and for his pride in his Pennsylvania German ancestry. His cheery demeanor caused him to be known as the "apostle of sunshine," and wherever he happened to be, whether in the school-room, at his office desk, at the banquet table, in his contacts with all classes of people in all parts of the State, he dispensed this "sunshine" by means of jokes, witty sayings, and in turn also by lofty and ennobling expressions. His messages always were for loyalty to principles, for earnestness in work, for making the best of opportunities, and for seeking high ideals in life.

In 1906 his life took on a semi-political aspect in that he was made the nominee for the office of State Secretary of Internal Affairs on the same ticket that elected Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of the State, and again four years later (1910) on the ticket that elected John K. Tener, Governor, and still again four years later (1914) on the ticket that elected Martin G. Brumbaugh, the present Governor. It was whilst Secretary of Internal Affairs during his third term that Mr. Houck was called away.

Mr. Houck was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Free and Accepted Masons (admitted June 24, 1878), Knights of the Golden Eagle, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, The Pennsylvania Society (of New York), the Pennsylvania German Society, the Lebanon County Historical Society (admitted Feb. 17, 1905) the Pennsylvania



Chautauqua, serving as Vice-President of the last two named organizations. He was made a consistory Mason at a four-body Masonic Convention held at Harrisburg Nov. 18, 1912, and in the same city a week later was made a member of Zembo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Knights of the Mystic Shrine. Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, gave him the Degree of A. M., and Pennsylvania College that of Litt.D.

On April 10, 1856, Mr. Houck was married to Susan Margaret Bucher, a daughter of Dr. Christian Bucher. His wife and two children, May Valentine, wife of Frank Matthes, and Alfred R. preceded him in death. The surviving children are Harvey B., Chicago, Mrs. Rose J. Robert, Columbia, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rockey, Lebanon, Paul W., Harrisburg, successor to his father as Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Mrs. Susan, wife of Col. M. L. Case, of Lebanon.

An estimate of the life and work of Dr. Houck by another, given in the following "appreciation," which, whilst neither fulsome in praise yet lacking nothing in beauty of purpose, is so apt in diction and characterization, and withal so faithful to fact as to make it eminently a fitting conclusion to the foregoing sketch of our departed friend, the writer of which tribute this writer regrets not knowing whom to name.

S. P. H.

#### "A GENIAL SPIRIT DEPARTED"

"In the death, this morning, of the Hon. Henry Houck, Lebanon loses one of its most esteemed citizens—a man who brought distinction to this community in a personal way just as some of our large corporations advertise the city in an industrial manner. Lebanon is known in many a hamlet and village in Pennsylvania—not as the home of one of the biggest bolt and nut manufactories, but as the home of Henry Houck."

"Mr. Houck loved his home town and his State, and was beloved by the people of his home town and the Commonwealth. Few men in the history of Pennsylvania have been held in such affectionate public regard, and though he spent nearly his entire life in the public service, his popularity was

not so much attributable to that as to his undefinable personality. He had a cordial greeting and hearty handclasp for everybody. He had a guest chamber reserved for all who sought the hospitality of his friendship. Kindliness breathed in his words and was reflected in his manner."

"He left his imprint upon the lives of thousands by reason of his long service in the State's educational department, and through his services to struggling teachers and students all over the State. He had a cheerful and hopeful philosophy of life, and this was radiated in every circle in which he moved. There was never anything depressing in his message, and this was particularly true when addressing young people—teachers starting out on a career, or boys and girls concluding high school or university courses, to all of whom he transmitted a spirit of gratitude for the possibilities of our free institutions, and he inspired confidence to go forth into the battle of life, holding out a goal which could be attained through virtue, industry and courage."

"He probably was best known as a public speaker, and it was on the platform that his genial personality shone in most radiant splendor. He was gifted with rare intellectual faculties, he had an unbounded faith, a picturesque imagination, a unique humor, and a store house of informatoin along educational lines. He was unusually gifted in anecdote, homely illustration, and personal reminiscence, and all were so card-indexed in his memory that they seemed to come forward without effort just at the right time. He would pass in easy rapidity from the most common and grotesque illustration to a philosophic observation or pathetic reference, and consequently had his audience in tears and laughter by turns."

"Mr. Houck, though he gave his life to public work, passed away in moderate circumstances, but he left his relatives and his fellow townspeople a heritage more to be prized than dollars counted in millions—a record of service to his fellow men. By his life it is proved again that—

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,  
And loving favor rather than silver or gold."





AMBROSE E. LEHMAN, C. E.

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Born May 23, 1851. Died April 5, 1917. Aged 65 yrs., 10 mos. and 12 days.

Mr. Lehman was a son of Benjamin Bringhurst Lehman and Susanna Mustin, the latter of French Huguenot descent, and a grandson of William Lehman and Mary Bringhurst. Both the parents were born in Germantown, and the ancestors of both had a prominent part prior to, and including the War of the Revolution, in the development of that town. Records in hand trace the Lehman family back to the 15th century in Germany and that of the Bringhursts to the 13th century in the town and parish of Bringhurst, England.

A German ancestor, John George Lehman, was, to the time of his death in 1628, Farmer General of the Revenues of the Province of Trebgen, in Saxony, Germany. Christian Lehman, the great, great grandfather of Ambrose, who died in 1774, was a Notary Public in Germantown by virtue of a commission granted him by Governor Penn, where also he was a conveyancer and surveyor. Incident to certain political disturbance in England at or about the end of the 17th century, John Bringhurst, one of the English ancestors of Ambrose Lehman, wrote and published a pamphlet exposing the notorious Judge Jeffreys. For this he was given the "Freedom of the City of London," but later on, in 1681, he was obliged to leave England on account of his liberal views, and sought safety in Holland. Here he was married, and this branch of the family, after a successful career in that country, finally sailed for America and settled in Philadelphia. Still another ancestor, Joran Kyn, (now Keen, Philadelphia) came to this country from Sweden in 1683, and had much to do with the early operations of the Swedish Colony on the lower Delaware River.



William Lehman, the grandfather named above, left Philadelphia to take up his residence in Lebanon as Resident Engineer and Superintendent of the Union Canal which position he filled up to the year 1849, when it was transferred to his son, B. B. Lehman, and held by the latter to the end of the existence of that waterway. William L. was also largely interested in the general affairs of Lebanon, and for a considerable time was a Director of the Lebanon Bank.

The younger Mr. Lehman, Ambrose E., spent most of his boyhood days in Lebanon acquiring an education in its common schools and residing with his parents at their family residence, "The Pines," on Maple St. North Lebanon, where also resided his uncles, Samuel and William Lehman. Although strongly attached to the place of his nativity, which attachment never abated, and led him all his years to return to Lebanon on frequent visits, his progressive spirits induced him to seek employment elsewhere. To this end he eventually adopted the profession of Civil Engineering. His earliest experience in this line was in Missouri, then in Louisiana and Texas, in railroad location and construction, a branch of the profession in which he was particularly efficient, especially with regard to economic and effective location, a line of work requiring for its successful prosecution a keen eye for physical conditions and thoroughness of judgment.

Some of his leading engineering activities were as follows:

In 1874, in connection with the Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania, assisted in making topographical and geological surveys and maps of the South Mountains, West of the Susquehanna River. These maps were published by the State. In 1883 he had charge in Mexico of the difficult task of locating in the very mountainous country between the City of Mexico and Vera Cruz, the line of the International Railway. Completing the South Mountain topography, and as Chief Engineer of the Gettysburg and Harrisburg Railroad he located and supervised its construction, including a survey for an extension of the line from Gettysburg to Washington, D. C. Jay Cooke, the financier, was the promoter of these projects.

He was the Chief Engineer of the Lebanon and Annville Electric Railway; so also of the Brooklyn Bath and Coney Island Railroad; and consulting engineer of water power developments in North Carolina and Minnesota. Whilst on a visit to Paris, France in 1895, he studied European systems of transportation, and attended Technical lectures on this and other subjects. He was a member of the Board of Civil Service Examiners of the Department of Municipal Engineering, Philadelphia, and consulting Engineer St. Maurice Syndicate, Quebec, for the exploration and development of mineral deposits in the Hudson Bay region, transcontinental Railway Canada.

Mr. Lehman made numerous investigations and reports on iron ore, copper and coal for interested parties in various parts of the country and of the West Indies, and it was while on one of these trips in Cuba that he contracted rheumatic troubles from which he never fully recovered. Notwithstanding this disability he continued almost constantly in his work, so that even in his latest years, even after having been run over by an automobile and badly injured, he worked on geological and other investigations in Eastern Pennsylvania including railroad construction.

He was for many years a member of the notable American Philosophical Society, founded by Benjamin Franklin; and of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, and of the Art Club of that city. He had an inborn talent for drawing and painting, and as a critic he possessed high ability. He was a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, to which he was admitted Feb. 15, 1898, the date of its first regular meeting.

Mr. Lehman was married twice, first on Feb. 5, 1880, to Miss Sallie Virginia Maull, of Philadelphia, who departed this life March 12, 1888. Of the three children of this union, Anna Louise (Lehman) Beashboard, James, Edward and Eleanor, the first two survive the father and mother. His second marriage, which occurred Jan. 28, 1892, was to Emilie Wyonne Koehler, of Montbeliard, France, who survives him together

with a son, Eric M. Mrs. Lehman is a daughter of Capt. M. Koehler of the French Navy, who, whilst with that Army in the Crimean War, was decorated for signal services rendered by him.

The following tribute to the memory of Mr. Lehman is from the June, 1917, Proceedings of the Engineer's Club of Philadelphia, and is here given as a worthy estimate of him:

"In the early years of his engineering life he won for himself a reputation for accurate and exact work. He was a keen observer and careful recorder of engineering and scientific facts. He noted in detail every observed fact, and this careful attention to details gave added value to all of his work. He was a leader in certain branches of the technic of engineering and surveying. . . . .

"The high esteem in which he was held by his friends, by his clients, by the members of this Club, and by all who knew him well, is a tribute accorded only to those whose character contains elements of sterling worth. He exhibited in the highest degree those qualities that engineers should emulate; he was steadfast, dependable, energetic, loyal, unbiased in judgment and progressive in spirit. He was of kindly personality, genial and considerate of others."

S. P. H.







COLONEL A. FRANK SELTZER

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Born Nov. 20, 1837. Died June 11, 1917. Aged 79 yrs., 6 mos. and 21 days.

Col. Seltzer was a son of John Clark Seltzer and Elizabeth Faber whose home was on a farm near the Union Water Works, Lebanon County. The grand-parents were Jacob Seltzer and Eleanor Clark. The first of this line was Mathias Seltzer, who emigrated from Seltzer Springs in the Duchy of Nassau, Germany, from which the Seltzer family name is derived. Mathias settled at the place named above about the year 1730. It was the homestead for a century or more of this branch of the Seltzers, but later was transferred to Mt. Nebo, now Ono, its earliest name Seltzerville, of which place John Clark, the Colonel's father was the first Postmaster. Both the Seltzer and Faber families were amongst the very early settlers in this section of Lebanon County in what was known as Hanover Township, and both families were progressive in spirit.

His real school years began with a course at Balenon's Military Academy, West Chester, Pa., then at the Cumberland Valley Institute, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., where he prepared for Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, which he entered in the Fall of 1856, where he, however, did not remain to be graduated, although later in years he had conferred upon him the degree of A. M. by that Institution.

A number of his post-college years were spent in teaching, serving for one term in a Select School at Palmyra, also at Witmer's Academy in the same town, and still later as Associate Principal of the Freeburg Academy, Freeburg, Snyder Co. He also took a post-college course in Institutions in France and Germany.

In the meantime he took up the study of law in the office of John W. Killinger, Esq., Lebanon, but on the outbreak of

the War of the Rebellion he entered the service of the Union Army in June, 1862, as First Lieutenant of Company G, 115th Reg. Pa. Volunteers, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 3rd Corps, Army of the Potomac, and participated in some of the most important battles of the War, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and during this period was wounded three times, causing such physical disability as to require his discharge which was given him, honorably, March 30, 1864. He was also during this service promoted to the position of Captain.

After his return from the Army he finished his course in law, and was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar Aug. 24, 1865, where he continued in active practice during the balance of his years of health, and when this became somewhat impaired some years ago he associated with himself his cousin, Clark McAdam Seltzer, a young attorney, and the firm was known as Seltzer and Seltzer, Attorneys-at-Law.

From January, 1893, to January, 1896, he served as District Attorney for Lebanon County, and also at different times was admitted to the Bars of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and of the United States Supreme Court. In 1899 he was appointed an Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Gov. William A. Stone with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

Col. Seltzer was, under the nom-de-plume of "Paul Grave," a contributor of humorous articles to various well-known journals, and also delivered humorous lectures before Teachers' Institutes and other assemblies in Lebanon and throughout the eastern part of the United States. He also was frequently called into service as a speaker during political campaigns in his county and elsewhere. He was an extensive traveler, covered the Western Hemisphere, and in 1898, made a tour of the world, passing through parts in Europe, Asia and Africa.

He was Honorary Vice-President of the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania; President, one year, of the Philadelphia Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College; a member of Camp 381, P. O. S. of America, Lebanon; of the Steitz Club, Lebanon; of the Pennsylvania German So-

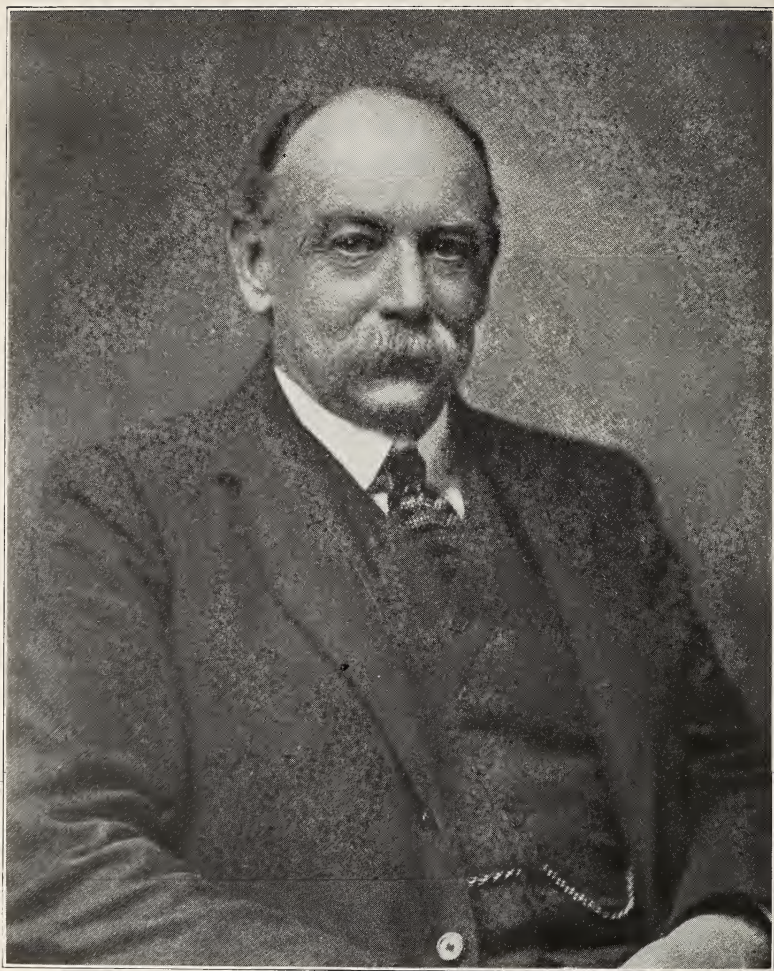
ciety; of the Lebanon County Historical Society, admitted thereto Jan. 14, 1898, the date of its organization, and of St. Luke's Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Lebanon. He was active in Grand Army Circles, having been a charter member of the Lebanon Sedgwick Post, No. 42, G. A. R., and a Past Commander of the same. Some years ago, in being baptized, he assumed the name Arthur Francis Seltzer, and that name is inscribed on his tomb-stone in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

On Nov. 20, 1905, Col. Seltzer married Miss Sarah L. Lineaweaver, a daughter of Dr. Simeon T. Lineaweaver, and a grand-daughter of the Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D., who, besides his ministerial and editorial work in the Reformed Church, is held in honor chiefly as a versatile writer of touching poems in the Pennsylvania-German Dialect.

Cavalier in habit and debonair in manners, Col. Seltzer inclined to the jocund and bizarre in life, nevertheless that he applied himself with great energy to whatever he undertook to do, whether in military, civil or professional affairs, and was of noted publicity in his home-town and elsewhere.

S. P. H.





HORACE BROCK



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Born April 15, 1854. Died August 4, 1917. Aged 63 yrs., 3 mos. and 19 days.

Mr. Brock was born in Philadelphia, a son of John Penn Brock, who was a leading member of the Bar in the courts of that city. His mother was Julia Watts Hall, a daughter of Robert Coleman Hall, whose mother was Elizabeth Coleman, a daughter of Robert Coleman, of Lancaster County.

The first of the American Brocks was John Brock, an English Quaker, and a friend of William Penn. He settled at Doylestown, Pa., later was one of the early owners of the anthracite coal mines, comprising a large property at Ashland, Pa., where he also resided a number of years. Ashland's St. John's Episcopal Church was erected by his sons in memory of their father, John Brock. A copy of a commission from William Penn to the Doylestown John Brock is in the hands of John Penn Brock, the surviving son of Horace Brock. Most of the Brocks however were settlers in Canada, where at Niagara Falls, on the Canadian side, a statue was erected to General Brock, a distant relative of John Brock of Doylestown.

After having received his education, which was effected in private schools in his native city, he entered the iron business with his brother, Arthur Brock, taking charge of the North Lebanon Furnaces at Mt. Lebanon, where also he established his residence. He continued in management on the conversion of that plant into the Pennsylvania Steel Works. With his brother, the late Arthur Brock, and his two brothers-in-law, B. Dawson and Edward R. Coleman, he became identified with the Pennsylvania Bolt and Nut Works, established in Lebanon in the year 1882, the same merged into the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Co. Aug. 29, 1899, and served as a member of the Board of Directors of both these corporations, and for a time as the Treasurer of the last named Co.

Early in 1917 this industrial plant, which was, and still is, the largest of its kind in Lebanon, was acquired by the Bethlehem iron interests, and under the name of the Bethlehem Steel Co. as a branch of the larger plant at Bethlehem, Pa., is continued in operation by that plant. With this change, which occurred about a year ago, Mr. Brock retired from iron industrial activity.

He was for many years identified with the First National Bank of Lebanon, was its President some years ago, and a member of its Board of Directors up to the end of the year 1916, when he also resigned that position in order to carry out his policy to free himself from these pressing business cares, and to give him more time for other financial interests in which he remained up to the time of his death.

Mr. Brock was an extensive traveler, and yearly took a trip to Europe, accompanied by Mrs. Brock. He made a tour of the world, and especially enjoyed visiting out-of-the-way places in foreign lands. He took an exceptionally active interest in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, the corner stone of which was laid May 13, 1893; contributed largely to its needs, and at the time of his death was President of its Board of Managers. The warm interest in this institution on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Brock led them in the year 1903, the year of their Silver Anniversary, to erect on the Hospital premises a large and convenient Nurses' Home, and to equip the same. In connection with this Silver Anniversary act of theirs a silver tablet was placed in the main corridor of the Home inscribed as follows:

To the Glory of God to provide skilled nursing  
for the sick and suffering of Lebanon and in  
debout gratitude to Almighty God for twenty-  
five years of life together, this house is erected  
by Horace and Debbie N. Coleman Brock

May 15, 1878—1903

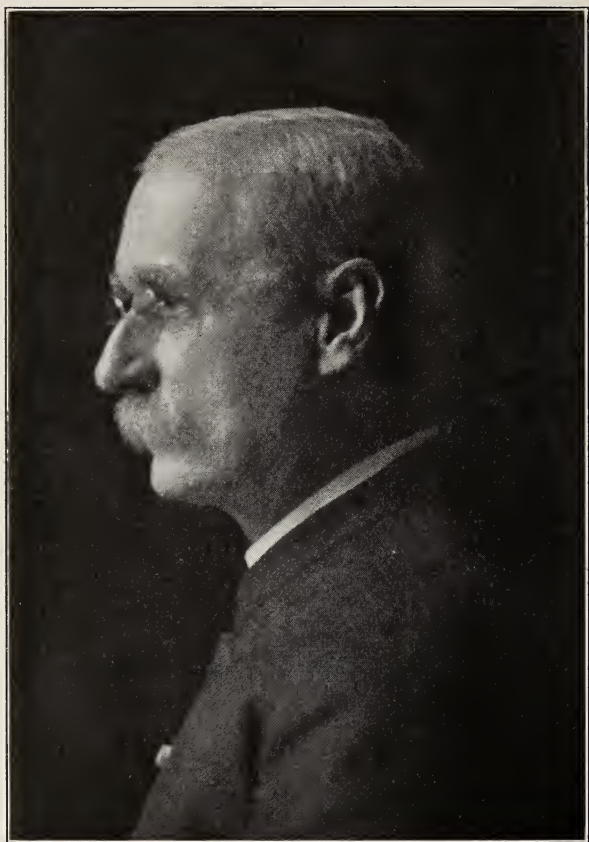
It will remain a monument to their beneficent liberality.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, and, for a period of years was a member of its Board of Vestrymen. Beside his residence at Mt. Lebanon he also maintained a home in his native city, Philadelphia, where, he, with his family, was wont to spend the winter season. He held membership in various Philadelphia Clubs, where he was well known, and to which he was a frequent visitor. He was a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society to which he, jointly with Mrs. Brock, was admitted Feb. 17, 1889. The Society is indebted to them for numerous valuable gifts, and liberal financial aid.

On May 15, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Deborah N. C., a daughter of Geo. Dawson Coleman and Deborah Brown, thus uniting the distinguished Brock family of Philadelphia with that of the Coleman name in Lebanon County, one of the most prominent families in this County, and for nearly two centuries past prominently connected with its industrial, social and religious development. In Miss Coleman Mr. Brock found a true help-mate in his affairs, cultured and refined in personality, devoted to philanthropic activities, and a leader in certain distinctive lines of women's work, among these the Pennsylvania Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the Pennsylvania Anti-Suffragist Association. She survives him, together with a son, John Penn Brock, General Manager of the American Iron and Steel Works of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Lebanon, and a daughter, Mrs. Deborah Bent, wife of Quincy Bent, Vice-President of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. Brock was a true gentleman, a master in his special line of activity, generous in his hospitalities, kind in disposition, and largely imbued with philanthropic impulses that fruited in many public, as also in many unheralded, generousities.

S. P. H.



*Horace Edwin Hayden.*

## REV. HORACE EDWIN HAYDEN, M.A.

Born February 18, 1837. Died August 23, 1917. Aged 80 yrs., 6 mos. and 5 days.

Rev. Mr. Hayden was born at Cantonsville, Baltimore County, Maryland, the third child of the Hon. Edwin Parsons Hayden, Maryland, and on his paternal side was in the seventh generation from William Hayden, of Windsor, Conn., who came from England to Massachusetts in 1630, and was distinguished in the Pequot War of 1637, waged against a tribe of warlike American Indians by that name in Connecticut on account of its hostile attitude to the Dutch and English settlers of that Colony, and whereby the tribe was almost annihilated. The sword with which Captain Hayden saved the life of Capt. John Mason, in this war (1637) is in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society, and the land he received for his gallantry has remained in the family ever since 1642.

Mr. Hayden was educated at St. Timothy's Military College, Cantonsville, Md., and at Kenyon College, Ohio, where he was given the Degree of Master of Arts in 1858. Succeeding this he engaged in post-graduate work in Baltimore and then under Genl. David B. Birney in Philadelphia, until June 1, 1861, when he entered the Army of the Confederate States as a member of the Howard County Dragoons of the Maryland Cavalry under the command of Col. Angus MacDonald. Under various commands and by various enlistments he continued in the Confederate Service until Dec. 31, 1864, when he was honorably discharged.

He then entered the Virginia Theological Seminary, an Institution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to resume his theological studies, completing his course there early in 1867, and in June of that year was ordained a Deacon in the Church by his Cousin, the Rt. Rev. John Johns, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of



Virginia, and a Priest in 1868 by the Rt. Rev. F. M. Whittle, D.D. He entered upon his ministry at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, July, 1867, where he served as Rector until March, 1873, then as Rector of St. John's Church, West Brownsville, Pa., until Nov. 1, 1879, then as Assistant Minister to Rev. Henry L. Jones Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., which position he held until the time of his death. During this period as Assistant to Dr. Jones Rev. Mr. Hayden also was for eighteen months Rector of St. Clement's Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Besides his military record, and his work as a Minister of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Haylen was more largely and widely known as a historian, and for the historical research work done by him, and during this period of his activity, covering 30 years or more, few men in the State surpassed him in historical production or historical acumen. His most extensive production was a publication entitled: "Virginia Genealogies," a work of 800 pages, besides which he wrote extensively on historical, geological and numismatic topics. His erudition secured him a Life Membership in the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre, of which Society he later became its Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, Historiographer and Curator, and since 1894 was the editor of all the publications of that Society, these consisting annually of a large volume, the contents of which have always been along highest historical and scientific lines, and eagerly sought for amongst those interested in studies of the kind named, the number of volumes here referred to being already fifteen in number.

On account of his versatility in matters pertaining to history, geology, numismatics, and Indian and antiquarian lore, his membership in societies engaged in these lines of work throughout the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia and Kansas was eagerly sought for. Amongst these were the Historical Societies of the States just named, and others were the Buffalo, Western Pennsylvania, American Historical Association, Southern Historical, New



England Historical, Dauphin County Historical, Anthropological Society of Washington, Maryland Academy of Science, Archaeological and Numismatic Society of New York, Philadelphia Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, etc., etc., etc.

He also had wide membership in organizations of a Military, Hereditary, Patriotic and Fraternal order, naming amongst these the Pennsylvania Military Order of Foreign Wars, the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the Pennsylvania Naval Order and the Pennsylvania Society of the War of 1812, the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Wars, and the Delaware Society of the Cincinnati, a member of both the Trimble and Buchanan Camp, United Confederate Veterans of Maryland, and of the Society of the Confederate States Army and and Navy of Maryland.

Since 1885 Mr. Hayden had been one of the examining Chaplains of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, was one of the organizers, and the Secretary, of the Luzerne County Humane Association, and an officer of the United Charity organization of Wilkes-Barre. For 33 years he was an active Free Mason, and an honorary member of Lodge No. 60, F. & A. Masons of Pennsylvania, having taken his degree in Lodge No. 10, Richmond, Virginia, in 1863. He also was honorary Secretary of the Corporation of the Church House London, England, for the Diocese named above. He was admitted to membership in the Lebanon County Historical Society Dec. 16, 1902.

On November 30, 1868, he entered into marriage at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, with Miss Kate Elizabeth Byers, a daughter of John A. Byers, a civil engineer. She survives him, together with an only son, Edwin, Jr. She also, like Mr. Hayden, was of distinguished parentage, and both had a line of ancestors distinguished in many ways and of very high repute, the details of which would prove exceptionally interesting could they be included here, only with this one exception that both in his case and in hers, each had an ancestor who served in the War of the American Revolution.

From all the foregoing it can be seen how intensely active

was the life of Mr. Hayden. Amongst his co-workers, acquaintances and admirers he was known as a man of conservative ideas, democratic in his tastes, refined in demeanor, scholarly and cultivated in personality, an authority in all lines to which he had applied himself during his long career, ideal in his home-life, and loved and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him. To this the writer begs to add his own mite of tribute in that Mr. Hayden had many years ago admitted me to his friendship, and both by word of mouth and by many letters was most affluent in kindnesses to me.

S. P. H.





ELIZABETH F. BURNSIDE

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Born February 14, 1833. Died November 21, 1917. Aged 84 yrs., 9 mos. and 7 days.

Mrs. Burnside was a daughter of Dr. Gideon Fahnestock, a leading physician in Annville many years ago, and a sister of his son, Dr. Adam Fahnestock, late of Annville, and likewise a leading medical man in that town and section. She was the wife of Prof. Wm. J. Burnside, who was born in Lancaster County, March 4, 1829, educated at the Academy in Strassburg of that county, and in the year 1850, at the early age of 21 years, was elected Principal of the Annville Academy, which had been founded in 1836 and incorporated by Legislative action March 28, 1840.

Prof. Burnside continued here until 1855, when he became the head of the Arcadia Institute at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., as its founder, an Institute of learning, the successor, or substitute, of the former Orwigsburg Academy founded as early as 1813. During the above period of the Annville Academy—1850-1855—there existed a spirited rivalry between it and the Lebanon Academy, taught by Prof. John H. Kluge. This rivalry extended to the towns and the adjoining country districts, and frequently led to demonstrations in fisticuffing between the "boys" of the rival schools. After some years at this Orwigsburg school, and some time spent in Philadelphia in business there, Prof. Burnside returned to the Principalship of the Annville Academy, which he held from 1861 to 1864, and then was called to take charge of the Boys' High School, Lebanon. It was during this first period of Prof. Burnside's Principalship at Annville that Miss Fahnestock became his wife, and furthermore an excellent help-mate in the Academy work, in that by reason of her pleasant ways and refined manners, characteristics that obtained in her during her entire life-time, she taught many a bashful young man how to feel



at home in the society of cultivated ladies and gentlemen. During Prof. Burnside's second period at the Annville Academy, 1861-1864, which covered the larger part of the War of the Rebellion, Mrs. Burnside was quite active in providing comforts and necessities for the soldiers at the front, work something akin to Red Cross work of our day.

After locating in Lebanon with her husband and son, Mrs. Burnside attached herself to St. John's Reformed Church, and later was baptized and confirmed there by the Rev. T. S. Johnston, D.D., April 9, 1871, and during all the years that her health permitted she took an active part in the work of that church. On October 13, 1907, Mrs. Burnside entered the Widows' Home, North Tenth St., Lebanon, where she made her home during the balance of her years, and where she departed this life and where also her funeral services were held.

Mrs. Burnside was elected a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society April 15, 1904, and attended its meetings quite frequently, always with a pleasant smile and a kind word to those who greeted her. She was married to Prof. Burnside (*circa* 1851), with whom she had a son, Edwin, who, with the father, preceded her in death years ago. She was the last of the Fahnestock family in this section, and left no close relatives to mourn her loss, nor any records as to her family.

Mrs. Burnside was of a retiring disposition, esteemed and loved by all who knew her, and, although done unostentatiously, her life was a round of effective application in promoting the welfare of her family, her church, and in all ways wherever she could render helpful service.

S. P. H.







THOMAS EVANS

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Born Jan. 12, 1837. Died Nov. 30, 1917. Aged 80 yrs., 10 mos. and 18 days.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Evans, the parents of Thomas Evans, had their home in England, where also their son, Thomas, was born. About the year 1842 the father came to America. After a two-years' residence in New York City he, in 1844, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the following year, 1845, he was joined by his family from England, and established a home for themselves in the Ohio City named above. The elder Mr. Evans was a worker in iron. The mother died during the boyhood years of her son, Thomas.

Thomas attended school and passed his boyhood days with his father in Cincinnati. About 1850, he entered a rolling mill in St. Louis, Mo., two years after which he went on a visit to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he learned the trade of roll turner in a rolling mill, remaining there for some time. In April, 1858, he returned to Cincinnati. Here he remained until 1859, and then proceeded to Shelby, Ala., and there erected a rolling mill, the first of its kind ever erected in that State, which he put in operation in May, 1860. He operated this mill until the time of the John Brown raid, causing him to turn to the North.

In the Fall of 1860 he again went South, this time to Ettawa, Ga., where as its Superintendent he took charge of the Ettawa Iron Works, and remained there until May 15, 1861, and then again went North on account of the war. In the month of August of the year just named Mr. Evans went to the Swift Iron & Steel Works at Newport, Ky., where he got up rolls and machinery especially constructed for the manufacture of iron for the protection of the Mississippi River gun-boats in the interests of the U. S. Government. During the winter of that year he took charge as Manager of the entire plant of

the Swift Iron and Steel Works, and manufactured iron for the U. S. monitors built at Cincinnati.

In July, 1862, he enlisted in the Federal Army, was made Captain of Company C, 41st Kentucky Volunteers and served as such for three months. He then returned to the management of the Swift mill, where he continued until 1868, and then again returned to Cincinnati. In this city he organized the Company known as the Evans, Clifton Company, and built the Vulcan Rolling Mill and Tube Works, operating the same until December, 1878, and then once more took charge of The Swift Works at Newport, Ky. Here he remained until 1880, and then came to Pennsylvania where he took charge of the E. & G. Brooks Iron Company's Works at Birdsboro.

In August, 1882, he broke ground in Lebanon for the erection of the works of the Lebanon Iron Company, and in May of the following year, 1883, began the manufacture of iron there as the General Manager of that Company, in which he was a large owner. He continued therein until that company was merged into the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, February, 1901, becoming a Director in the latter organization, and renamed as such until that company was absorbed by the Bethlehem Steel Company in December, 1916.

Mr. Evans was at all times active in the manufacture of iron after his locating in Lebanon. He was President of the Lebanon Chain Works, which enterprise was, by his genius and knowledge of iron and steel, made a most successful venture, acquiring fame throughout the United States and foreign countries, for the quality of chains produced at these works. He was a Director in the Lebanon Electric Street Railway Co., a Director of the Lebanon Edison Illuminating Electric Light Company, a Director in the American Ice & Coal Company, of Harrisburg, a Director of the Lebanon Mutual Fire Insurance Company and was interested financially in the organization of the Lebanon Consumers' Ice Company.

He was a member of the Robert Burns Lodge, A. T. & A. Masons of Newport, Ky., Olive Branch Chapter of the same;

a member of the Reading Commandery K. T.; of the Reading Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; of the Lebanon Steitz Club; of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, and a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society since Dec. 29, 1904. Mr. Evans especially prided himself in having co-operated in the establishment of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, in 1893, and to its interests he afterwards gave much of his time and means.

On Dec. 25, 1872, Mr. Evans married Miss Fannie R. Robson, a member of one of the prominent old Kentucky families, whose father was for many years a leading business man in Cincinnati. She survives him, but without children.

A busy life, a long career indeed! If he is to be judged only by what he did, and by what he got done, that alone should suffice. But pervading his many activities and diverse pursuits, was a genial personality and an affability that made working with him, and under him, mutually agreeable. Of sterling worth by reason of his English parentage, and imbued with the bold and enterprising spirit of an American, the two blended to make his life constructive in purpose and effective in achievement.

S. P. H.



CATHARINE A. DEHUFF MEILY



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Born April 10, 1834. Died Dec. 9, 1917. Aged 83 yrs., 7 mos. and 29 days.

Mrs. Meily, whose maiden name was Catharine Arndt DeHuff, was the second wife of the late John Meily, who departed this life April 3, 1902, and who was a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, and of whom a sketch appeared in the Society's publications, Vol. II, p. 195. She was a daughter of Henry DeHuff and Margaret Arndt, great-granddaughter of Captain Abraham DeHuff, who fought in the Continental Army of this country. Capt. DeHuff, who was of French Huguenot descent, came to America early in the 18th century, settled in Baltimore, Md., and later moved to Lancaster, Pa.

In the Charter of Incorporation, granted May 1, A. D. 1742, by the Honored Proprietor of the Province of Pennsylvania, Thomas Penn, Esq., to James Hamilton, of the city of Philadelphia, in said Province, and owner of a tract of land whereon the town of Lancaster in the same Province is erected, incorporating the Borough of Lancaster, County of Lancaster, in the aforesaid Province, John DeHuff was named one of seven Burgesses, assistants to Chief Burgess, Thomas Corkson, named as such by the said James Hamilton. To have been a burgomaster at that time, and under the circumstances, was considered a high honor, and only men of the very highest standing were appointed to this position. This was thirteen years after 1729, the year in which Lancaster was first settled. At a later period Henry DeHuff, a son of the aforesaid John DeHuff, was Chief Burgess of Lancaster, and it was this Henry DeHuff that later took up his residence in Lebanon and was the first of that name in Lebanon's history, the father of Mrs. Meily.

In 1859 when a movement was put on foot towards an additional congregation of the Reformed Church in Lebanon, resulting in the organization of St. John's Reformed Church, and the erection of its fine church building on Willow St. between 9th and 10th Streets, Mrs. Meily, then Miss DeHuff, was one of sixty-one persons to separate themselves from the First Reformed Church, and other Reformed Churches, for the purpose named above, and, therefore, was one of the charter members of the new church. Whilst ever active in the affairs of the older congregation with which she had previously been affiliated, she consecrated herself more firmly to the interest and welfare of the newly formed organization and during all her subsequent years gave its life, progress and uplift her supremest endeavor, and this under any and all circumstances, and in many and diverse ways.

She was connected with the various benevolent and working societies of St. John's congregation, sang in its choir, and for many years taught in the Primary Department of its Sunday School. The names of the Societies of St. John's, just referred to, were the Benevolent, organized in 1862; the Mite, organized March, 1873, re-organized Feb. 2, 1885; Female Prayer Meeting, organized March 18, 1873; Ladies' Aid, organized 1875, re-organized Jan. 2, 1878; Missionary Sewing, organized in Oct., 1890; Mission Band in the Primary Department of the Sunday School, organized in 1890, of which Band Mrs. Meily was the Superintendent; Woman's Missionary, organized March 9, 1892, as also of women's other Societies in St. John's organized later on out of those here named, or of new organizations of a later period. She assisted in organizing, and continuously was a member of, the Monday Club, organized Jan. 15, 1894, for the purpose of promoting social and literary activity, and a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society since Dec. 21, 1900. She took an active interest, and assisted, in the movement for the erection of the stately Soldiers' Monument, now standing in Lebanon's beautiful Monument Park, erected in 1869, to which end there existed at the time a Women's Monument Association, of which

Mrs. Horace Brock was the President, Mrs. John W. Killinger the Treasurer, and Miss Kate A. DeHuff (later Mrs. John Meily) the Secretary.

She entered into marriage with Mr. Meily Nov. 9, 1882, and took up her home with him in the Meily residence, 518 Cumberland St., where she resided during her subsequent years, and where she departed this life, ripe in years and precious in remembrance.

Both the Mite, and the Woman's Missionary Societies of St. John's, and also the Monday Club, took action subsequent to Mrs. Meily's death towards paying tribute to her memory with reference to her refined ways, charming personality, cultured mind, devotion to her church and to philanthropic activities, the wide range of her applied usefulness, and her life-long exemplary Christian walk and conduct. S. P. H.





















